Please amend the Claims to read as follows:

I claim:

1. - 28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously Presented) A method of providing a gift registry service over a distributed network of computers, the method comprising the following steps:

    a. running a gift registrar application on at least one gift registry site;

    b. a gift registrant accessing goods or services online from a plurality of goods or service provider (SP) sites, and registering a gift selection from each of the plurality of SP sites into a gift registrant wish list;

    c. the gift registrar application storing the wish list into a wish list data memory structure accessible to at least one gift registry site; and

    d. a gift purchaser accessing the stored wish list from a site on the distributed network remote from any gift registry site.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 29 further comprising, in step d, the gift purchaser accessing the wish list by searching for at least one criterion~~criteria~~.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 29 further comprising the following steps, where step e occurs at any time after step b; and the timing and sequence of steps e - g are not dependent on steps c - d:

    e. the gift registrant creating a distribution list, the distribution list being stored in a distribution list data memory structure accessible from the gift registry site;

    f. the gift registrant requesting that the gift registrar application send notifications to members of the distribution list; and

    g. the gift registrar application sending notifications to members of the distribution list.

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32. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 29 further comprising, at any time after step b, the gift registrant registering an occasion and associating at least one wish list with the occasion, the occasion data and the association(s) being stored in an occasion data memory structure accessible to the gift registry site.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 32 further comprising, after the step of registering an occasion, the gift registrant creating a distribution list, the distribution list being stored in a distribution list data memory structure accessible to the gift registry site; and further associating the distribution list with an occasion and the association being stored in a data memory structure accessible to the gift registry site.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33 further comprising, after the steps of associating the occasion with a distribution list and storing the association, the gift registrant specifying an occasion reminder for repeating notifications, the occasion reminder being stored in an occasion reminder data memory structure accessible to the gift registry site.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 34 further comprising, after the step of specifying the occasion reminder, associating a wish list to the occasion reminder, and storing the association in an occasion reminder data memory structure accessible to the gift registry site.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 34 further comprising, after the step of specifying the occasion reminder, associating an SP site link to the occasion reminder, and storing the association in an occasion reminder data memory structure accessible to the gift registry site.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 34 further comprising, after the step of specifying the occasion reminder, the gift registrant specifying at least one occasion trigger for notification of the members of the associated distribution list; and further the gift registrar

application automatically sending the occasion reminder to each of the members of the distribution list upon the tripping of an occasion trigger.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 37 further comprising, after the step of automatically sending the occasion reminder to the members of the associated distribution list, the gift registrar application automatically sending an occasion notification to at least one SP upon the tripping of an occasion trigger.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 29 further comprising, at any time before, during or after steps a - d:

      h.   an SP registering a sale event by sending sale event data over the network of computers to the gift registry site; and

      i.   the gift registry site storing the sale event data in a sale event data memory structure accessible to the gift registry site.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 39 further comprising, after step i, at least one of the following steps:

      j.   the gift registrar application displaying the sale event data to users accessing the gift registry site; and

      k.   the gift registrar application sending a sale event notification.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 40 wherein in step k, the sale event notification contains pertinent wish list data.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 29 further comprising, after step d, the gift purchaser viewing a display of multiple SP's from whom the purchaser may purchase items on the gift registrant's wish list.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 29 further comprising, after step d, the gift registrar application indicating the most desirable SP for an item on the gift registrant's wish list.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 29 further comprising, after step d, the following steps:

l. the gift purchaser purchasing a gift suggested by the gift registrant's wish list; and

m. the gift registrar application storing data pertaining to the gift purchaser's purchases for a gift registrant in a purchased items data memory structure accessible to the gift registry site.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 44 wherein, after step m, the gift registrar application provides gift recommendations to prospective gift purchasers, based upon gifts previously purchased for the gift registrant whose wish list the purchaser is accessing.

46. (Previously Presented) A method of providing a gift registry service over a distributed network of computers, the method comprising the following steps:

a. running a gift registrar application on at least one gift registry site;

b. a gift registrant accessing goods or services online from a goods or service provider (SP) site, and registering a gift selection from the goods or service provider site into a gift registrant wish list;

c. the gift registrar application storing the wish list into a wish list data memory structure accessible to at least one gift registry site; and

d. a gift purchaser accessing the stored wish list from a site on the distributed network remote from any gift registry site.

47. (Previously Presented) A method of providing a gift registry service over a distributed network of computers, the method comprising the following steps:

a. running a gift registrar application on at least one gift registry site;

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b.   a gift registrant accessing goods or services online from a plurality of goods or service provider (SP) sites, and registering a gift selection from each of the plurality of SP sites into a gift registrant wish list;

c.   the gift registrar application storing the wish list into a wish list data memory structure accessible to at least one gift registry site;

d.   a gift purchaser accessing the stored wish list from a site on the distributed network remote from any gift registry site; and

e.   the gift registrar application indicating to the gift purchaser the most desirable SP for at least one item on the gift registrant's wish list.